

Public Service Announcement



After the Earthquake Provided by your

Local Emergency Management Office

What to do after the shaking stops

Find out if anyone is injured, dial 911 and administer first aid until help arrives.

After the shaking stops instruct co-workers or customers to leave the building in an orderly manner. If your building is undamaged, you do not need to evacuate.

Seek safety outside. Instruct those leaving your building to move into safe areas away from buildings and other potential hazards.

Expect to find doorways and exit routes blocked. Have people assigned to clear the exits. Do not use elevators. Make sure fire escapes are safe before using.

Check for fires.

Check for people who might be trapped. Check storage rooms and restrooms. Check for people who might require special assistance.

Check for gas leaks, broken water lines or potential chemical hazards. Turn off utilities if you find a leak. Notify the authorities of chemical hazards.

Rescue financial records and essential supplies from your business if you can do so safely.

Before sending employees home make arrangements to get back in contact at a later specified time.

Document property damage as soon as possible. Make itemized lists and take photographs of damage. Structural damage may require an engineering analysis.

Secure your facility before leaving.

Expect aftershocks. Aftershocks can inflict additional damage to weakened structures.

Don't put breakable items back in vulnerable places. Be careful when reentering your building if damaged.

Determine the safety of your building. Develop a prior agreement with a structural engineer to inspect your building immediately after an earthquake.